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Biographical/Historical Note

Frances Lillian Blaisdell, also known as F.L. Blaisdell, was Arkansas's first published female cartographer and map maker. She was born in January 1884 in Augusta, Georgia, the only child of civil engineer and landscape architect, Frank M. Blaisdell and his wife, Isabelle. The family moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1905, and Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1911. F.L. Blaisdell became fascinated with her father's work at an early age. She was especially interested in surveying and map making. By 1912, she had compiled and published "Blaisdell's Wall Map of Little Rock, Argenta and Pulaski Heights." By 1915, working with her father, she was marketing "Blaisdell's Model and Rural School Plans." She supervised surveys in all parts of the state, and in 1919 published her Atlas of Arkansas Counties. For many years, it was the standard atlas for the state. She died on February 22, 1924, and was buried in the National Cemetery in Fort Smith.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of maps of Arkansas counties.

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